

## **REMARKS**

Applicants hereby incorporate their previously stated arguments for patentability herein. The present preliminary amendment clarifies that the region of the untensioned base layer material in its untensioned condition and the portion of the underlying absorbent body structure that is in registry with the aforementioned region of the untensioned base layer material, are bonded directly to each other.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-9, 13, 14, 16-19 and 25, as presented herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If any fee or extension of time is required to obtain entry of this Amendment, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any necessary time extension and authorizes charging Deposit Account No. 04-1403 for any such fee not submitted herewith.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience should any additional information be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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